

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 688

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gillespie-Synder House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

360 Post Road

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Arthur C. Synder

Telephone #: 658-6228

STREET & NUMBER

360 Post Road

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21911**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gillespie-Snyder House c. 1845-1875 is a 2½ story three bay by one room side hall/parlor frame house with an earlier two story stuccoed masonry section to the rear. The house presently faces west with the main gable running on a north/south axis. The earlier house has a southern exposure with an E/W axis. The farm is on Post Road just north of the intersection with Harrington Road.

The front weatherboard (novelty siding) frame block rests on a fieldstone foundation with cellar. The steeply pitched roof is covered with patterned slate with a central cross gable and two flanking gabled dormers. The rear two story kitchen wing is a much lower five bay by one room stuccoed masonry section with exposed fieldstone basement on the south side. The medium pitched roof is also covered with slate.

The west (main) elevation of the frame house is three bays across with a southern entrance. The double door has two heavily molded panels to each door and a single light transom overhead. The surround is plain. The two adjacent first floor windows are double ½ sash windows with floor to ceiling louvered shutters. The entire first floor is covered by a hip roofed front porch which is supported by chamfered posts with paneled plinths and molded capitals. A bracketed ^{architrave} supports a molded cornice. The second floor is lighted by three double single pane sash ^{windows} with louvered shutters. The cross gable has a round arched two over two sash with arched shutters. The eaves to the ^{roof} are extended with rafter ends exposed. The peak of the gabled eave is decorated with a pierced sawn ^{wood} ornament. A pointed finial rests atop the roof to add to the verticality of the house. The dormers have a 2/2 arched sash with a sawn ornament decorating each gable. The surrounds are flared ~~flanked~~ at the base.

The north gable end has a centrally placed 2/2 sash ^{windows} with louvered shutters on each floor. The attic window has a slightly arched header. The eave is similarly decorated on a less elaborate scale with an arched stick ornament and roof peak finial.

The south end has off axis (to the west) first and second floor windows and the same third floor and eave treatment. The basement is lighted by two six pane windows.

The east side of the frame house is mainly covered by the rear section. A narrow brick stove stack does rise out of the main block along the east wall to heat the front parlor.

The rear stuccoed masonry kitchen wing is five bays across and divided into two rooms on the first floor. The western three bays comprise the present dining room with an entrance in the western of the three bays.

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The window and door frames are mortised and tenoned and have a simple corner bead. The 6/6 sash windows are flanked by two panel shutters on the first floor and louvered ones on the second. The first floor is fully covered by a shed roof porch supported by square posts with a stick balustrade. Five windows light the second floor. An interior end brick chimney rises out of the east gable end. The east end is primarily covered by a two story hip roofed addition since the basement is fully exposed. 6/6 sash windows light the previous basement kitchen.

The front frame block has retained most of its mid 19th century woodwork. The side hall has a massively turned newel post with curving flat oval handrail that rises to the second floor in a semi-circle. The handrail is supported by boldly turned balusters with a decorated stringer below. The four panel doors are framed by a widely molded surround. *The*

The main parlor window and door openings are treated in a similar manner. The east wall has a slate mantel with cream colored spandrels and an incised gold curvilinear decoration. The second floor details are similar without fireplaces. The attic has also been finished off and access is gained by a straight enclosed stair along the east wall ~~hallway~~. *of the hallway.*

Interior remodelings have altered the first and second floors of the rear wing. Curved window reveals and flatly raised paneled doors point to a second quarter of the 19th century date. The basement remains unfinished with a large cooking fireplace with simple shelf, ~~and~~ complete with bake oven and dumb waiter.

Mid 19th century farm structures include a large gambrel roofed frame bank barn on a fieldstone foundation directly south of the main house along with a 1½ frame granary which retains its decorative bargeboard. A few smaller frame structures stand next to the granary.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
EHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This exuberant mid to late 19th century Gothic Revival frame side hall/parlor addition completely subordinates the earlier two story masonry farmhouse to the rear. Lively pointed roof ornament and an exaggerated height emphasize the Gothic Revival intentions of the builder. The builder, was not confined to the exterior ^{for exuberance} and fashioned much heavier but well proportioned stair newel.

George Gillespie, who owned this house in 1877 also owned 144 acres according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson patron list.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE
10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE
398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE
Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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RRC 19/447

William Johnson

GILLESPIE
~~William~~ 1877

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WAS 24/276

Carrie Abrams Lynch & Jan. 27, 1956
Harvey Fox - Executors of the Estate of
Retta Fox

WAS 23/57

Carrie Abrams Lynch & Harvey Fox
To

1955

Arthur C. Synder & Doris C.
144 Acres \$3,400.00

SRA 17/417

Wilmer A. Fox

11/30/1932

To
J. Fred Fox
J. Fred Fox having departed 11/19/1954
Leaving will Liber X 31/294

BOOK

P 23/252

John A. Fox

4/1922

To
Children, Wilmer A. Fox, etc.
144 Acres

MD 2/359

Eleanor D. Gillespie

11/16/1904

To
John A. Fox
George Gillespie June 1881
Will June 20, 1881 F 3/318
Deeded Land JGW 12/495

Jane A., Rebecca, Horace C. June 28, 1902
Gillespie

To
Eleanor Gillespie Etc.

3 tracts devised to George Gillespie

1. By Samuel M. Leedom April 13, 1858
HHM 9/363 30½ acres more or less

2. From John C. Groome, Trustee
March 25, 1862 WHR 4/266
Part of a tract called "Delight"
128 Acres

3. From John Weir & Wire
May 23, 1866 HRT 1/204 10½ Acres

Rising Sun Quad





CE-1152 Gillespie-Snyder Use.
(Snyder)

PJB 3/95



CE-1152 (Syndor)
GILLESPIE - Snyder HSE
NR COLLEGE GREEN
1/80 PRT
NEH/MN HIST TRUST



CF-1152 (synder)

GILLESPIE-SYNDER HOUSE
NR COLLEGE GREEN

1/80 PIST

NORTHWEST ELEV.

NEG. (MP. HIST TRUST)



CE-1152

(Snyder)

GILLESPIE - SNYDER 1/50
NORTH ELEVATION OF BARN

OR 1/80 PBT

NEG. / MIN. HIST TRUST
NR COLLEGE GREEN